

**CITY OF NEWTON**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**July 14, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Newton, North Carolina was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Newton Recreation Center.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kyle Smith, Recreation Chairman  
Terry Abernethy, Vice Chairman  
Mickie Drum  
David Shugart  
Frances Inscoc  
Sandra Waters, Parks and Recreation Director

**Recording Secretary:** Frances Inscoc

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Kyle Smith welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

II. Commission member David Shugart moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, July 14, 2015, seconded by Commission member Mickie Drum. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Old Business

*2015 – 2016 Budget Update* – The Director provided each member with copies of relevant budget materials. These are attached to the minutes and can be studied if one so desires. As earlier mentioned the new basketball goals for the gym have been purchased and installed. A card reader for the fitness center will be acquired, the parking lots will be resurfaced, a security camera will be installed at Southside Cemetery and folding chairs have been approved. The Director informed the Commission that \$30,000 has been earmarked for a Master Plan Study for the Department. The Director will soon be meeting with the City's Assistant City Manager and the Planning Director in order to begin the process of selecting the best vendor to do the study. Commission members were particularly excited about this information because the Department may not apply for grant, etc. without a Master Plan. Summary comments about the budget by the Director included these. Nothing new was added to the Park. The totals of expenditures for different sections of the Department have decreased. An exception is the Swimming Pool. This increase was related to salaries.

*Goals and Objectives* – The Director asked if there were any comments or questions about the goals and objectives hand-out. She encouraged the Commission members to continue reading these and evaluating them for future discussion.

*Results form Strategic Planning Sessions* – Each Commission member has received various documents relating to the City of Newton's Strategic Growth Plan which are available for the members use and study. The Director called attention to, several items. Under Community Appearance and Image is listed "Develop a new destination for Newton (e.g. Sports Complex). Under Transportation and Mobility is listed "apply to NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative for funding assistance for a pedestrian plan. The last section marked Recreation contained most of the goals developed by the Department and Commission.

*Swimming Pool* – Much information about the Swimming Pool was included in the impressive comprehensive and attractive monthly activities report. Assistant Director Carol Stiles was available for questions and she summarized the Pool Activities. Especially interesting was information that 29-32 persons have been participating in the Water Aerobics class which is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., fourteen children participated in the American Red Cross Certified Swimming Course given in June. Overall pool numbers are up! Frances Inscoe reported she had visited the pool three times recently. She stated she was impressed by the numbers she saw and the various activities individuals were enjoying.

IV. New Business

*Additional Activities Report* – Charles James, Program Coordinator was present to talk about several other activities. The popular “Take-A-Kid Fishing Day” was held on Saturday, June 20, at Herman’s Fish Lake. There were 115 participants. It was co-sponsored by Newton Recreation Department and Academy Sports.

The Hornets Football Skills Clinic took place at Westside/Jaycee Park on July 11. There were 30 participants. Mr. James called the Commission’s attention to several upcoming events in July – which are listed in the Activities Report.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by unanimous consent.

VI Post-Adjournment

The Director provided a tour of the Fitness Center for those interested to see the improvements. The members were impressed.

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Frances Inscoe, Recreation Commission Secretary